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Mrs. Eleanor Stebbins, better known as "Ellie", is secretary to Dr. Helen Ellis and the other members of the Humanities Division at G.C.C. In August of 1980, soon after returning from a 2-week vaca-

tion, Ellie was looking through the September issue of Good Housekeeping Magazine when she came across a Special Health Section entitled The Complete Breast Cancer Book. Because of the advice contained in the article, she made an appointment with her physician a few days later for a check-up. On examination the doctor found a hard mass in her left breast which he thought might be a fatty tumor, but suggested that she see a surgeon right away for a second opinion. The following day the surgeon gave the same diagnosis and felt she should have the lump removed. Just before she left his office he informed her that there was a possibility of the tumor being malignant and if so, she would have to agree in advance to have either a mastectomy or

chemotherapy. She made the decision right then and there to have a mastectomy if any cancer was found. Consequently, on August 26 she entered the hospital feeling a little apprehensive. That night as she stood by the window looking at the moon, she wondered what tomorrow would bring. But she reminded herself that she must have faith and place herself in the hands of her surgeon and of God, and she was not afraid.

The next morning she awoke to the knowledge that the surgeon had performed a modified radical mastectomy involving the removal of one breast and 12 lymph nodes. But all was well - she was alive, and it was over, and she could once again look out the window. This time she saw the morning sun streaming in.

PERSONNEL NEWS AND NOTES COMMITTEE

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Ellie recuperated very rapidly and was back to work on October 14 in time to celebrate her 18th year as a G.C.C. employee. She wrote a letter of thanks to Good Housekeeping magazine which was published in the January 1981 issue. Ellie urges every woman to read the September 1980 article and to have regular check-ups. It could save your life!

NEW FACES

Lawrence A. Dean, B.A., Cornell University, M.Ed., Westfield State College, was appointed to the full-time position of Director of Financial Aid on December 21, 1980. Larry is assigned to the Office of Student Personnel Services. Larry lives in Greenfield.

Patricia Leuchtman, B.A. University of Massachusetts, has been appointed to the full-time position of Staff Assistant in the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services. Patty will be assisting Elsa Bakalar with the operation of our Continuing Education Program. Patty lives with her husband Henry and children in Charlemont.

Nancy F. Lewerenz was appointed to the position of Junior Clerk and Stenographer in the office of Student Personnel Services on December 28, 1980. She is responsible for providing receptionist and clerical services. Nancy lives in South Deerfield with her daughter Jessica.

Patricia A. Stevenson was appointed to the full-time position of Secretary to the Dean of Academic Affairs on November 16, 1980. She is responsible for assisting Dean Sutton with the overall operation of the Office of Academic Affairs. Patty lives with her husband Allan in Greenfield.

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Patricia A. Jurek, was appointed to the position of Junior Clerk and Stenographer in the Admissions Office of Student Personnel Services on November 10, 1980. She will be responsible for providing general clerical services for the Admissions Office. Patty has been employed at the College since May 11, 1980.

Hartley Pfeil has been elected coordinator of English to replace Ben Drabeck.

R E T I R E D

Raelee W. Cohen, Secretary to the Dean of Continuing Education and Community Services, retired from state service on December 31, 1980. Raelee had worked in the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services since she started at the College in August 1969. We wish Raelee and her husband Jack many years of happiness and good health so that they may enjoy their retirement years.

PIONEER VALLEY STUDIES PROJECT

The College has been awarded a two-year grant of \$261,197 by The National Endowment for the Humanities to implement a new program of Pioneer Valley Studies. Special recognition is due those employees whose commitment of time and energy made it possible - Ben Drabeck, principal author and project director, Helen Ellis, Ellie Stebbins, Herb Steeper, Joan Rising, Saul Sherter, Pegge Howland, Bob Merriam, Bill Sweeney, and Joyce Paciorek as well as the faculty members who assisted in developing course descriptions, the students who assisted in various tasks, and those administrators who aided in the preparation of the financial portions of the Grant.



Patricia A.
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B I R T H S

Congratulations to Greg and Linda Vouros on the birth of their son, Gregory Charles Aram, born on December 20, 1980.

Congratulations to Ron Smith (Lab. Technician) and wife on the birth of their daughter Kelly, on December 9, 1980.

D E A T H S

We extend our sympathy to Elisabeth Leete (French Instructor) and family in the loss of her mother on January 24, 1981, in Switzerland.

Our sympathy is extended to Priscilla Tromblay (Senior Ombudsman for G.C.C.) and family, in the loss of her husband on November 3, 1980.

Our sympathy is extended to Tom Young (Art Dept.) in the loss of his mother, Phyllis Young, on January 19, 1981.

M A R R I A G E S

We are happy to announce the marriage on February 14, 1981 of Marilyn Golosh (Senior Library Assistant) to Edmund O'Brien of West Springfield.